



# Iowa Board of Parole

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## Introduction

- Mission: maintaining public safety through good releasing decisions.
- What does the BOP do?
  - Looks at the whole person
  - Analyzes risk using objective tools
- Continuing to keep the public safe and the prison population manageable (less than 1% new in-state felonies against persons in FY 10).
- The BOP is a very small agency comprised of 5 Board Members only two of which (Chair and Vice Chair) are full time. The Board is supported by only 5 staff members who do an array of work (victims, risk assessments, revocations, etc).



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## Successes:

- Prison population;
- Low recidivism;
- Doing more with less.

## Challenges:

- Very low staff – only five staff members (down from 12 in 2007);
- Inexperienced Board Members – three of five have less than a year of experience;
- Lack of time, money, and resources to train



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Questions?

Conclusion